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SUBJ: WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO) SPRAYING CONTRACT: PRE-
QUALIFICATIONS PHASE ANNOUNCED

1. THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION, WITH HEADQUARTERS IN GENEVA, HAS ANNOUNCED THAT FIRMS HAVE UNTIL MARCH 31 TO EXPRESS INTEREST IN AND ESTABLISH THEIR QUALIFICATIONS TO RECEIVE AN INVITATION TO BID, TO BE ISSUED APRIL 7, FOR A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT FOR AERIAL SPRAYING IN THE VOLTA RIVER BASIN OF WEST AFRICA. THE CONTRACT, TO TAKE EFFECT JANUARY 1, 1977, IS IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONTINUATION OF SPRAYING OPERATIONS OF THE ONCHOCERCIASIS (RIVER BLINDNESS) CONTROL PROGRAM IN THE COUNTRIES OF BENIN, GHANA, IVORY COAST, MALI, NIGER, TOGO AND UPPER VOLTA. WHO IS ACTING AS EXECUTIVE AGENT ON BEHALF OF ITSELF, THE GOVERNMENTS OF THESE COUNTRIES, AND OTHER PARTICIPATING INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

2. THE CONTRACTOR WILL BE EXPECTED TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL AERONAUTICAL OPERATIONS. THIS WILL INVOLVE AT LEAST SEVEN HELICOPTERS SIMILAR TO THE BELL 206 OR HUGHES 500 AND TWO FIXED-WING AIRCRAFT SIMILAR TO THE PILATUS PORTER, PLUS THE REQUIRED GROUND SUPPORT. APPLICATIONS OF THE SPRAY MUST BE MADE WEEKLY WITHOUT INTERRUPTION. A SINGLE CONTRACTOR IS TO BE APPOINTED, BUT SUB-CONTRACTING WITH WHO'S PRIOR AGREEMENT WILL BE PERMITTED. OPERATING BASES WILL BE AT BOBO-DIOULASSO, UPPER VOLTA AND
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3. POTENTIAL CONTRACTORS WHO WISH TO SUBMIT TENDERS SHOULD WRITE TO THE DIRECTOR-CONSULTANT, ONCHOCERCIASIS CONTROL PROGRAMME, WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION, 1211 GENEVA 27, SWITZERLAND, GIVEN THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR COMPANIES:

- A) NUMBER AND TYPES OF AIRCRAFT OFFERED;
- B) NUMBER OF PILOTS AND ENGINEERS IN PERMANENT EMPLOYMENT;
- C) NUMBER OF PILOTS AND ENGINEERS EMPLOYED DURING PERIOD OF PEAK ACTIVITY;
- D) TOTAL NUMBER OF STAFF IN PERMANENT EMPLOYMENT;
- E) THE NAMES OF THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH THE COMPANY HAS UNDERTAKEN FLYING ACTIVITIES AND AN INDICATION OF THE TYPE OF WORK CARRIED OUT IN EACH;
- F) PROPOSALS, IF ANY, FOR SUB-CONTRACTING; AND
- G) ANY OTHER INFORMATION RELEVANT TO THE PROGRAM.

4. ALL SUCH INFORMATION WILL BE TREATED IN CONFIDENCE, BUT MUST BE RECEIVED IN GENEVA BY MARCH 31, 1976.
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